

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

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please insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Fig. 1 shows the 3-dimensional structure of alpha amylase<sup>(SEQ ID NO: 13)</sup> wherein differences in Loop 2 as between Fungamyl-like-alpha amylase and Termamyl-like-alpha amylase are emphasized.

Fig. 2 shows the structure of alpha amylase as in Fig. 1 wherein differences in Loop 3(a) are emphasized.

Fig. 3 shows the structure of alpha amylase as in Fig. 1 wherein differences in Loop 3(b) are emphasized.

Fig. 4 shows the structure of alpha amylase as in Fig. 1 wherein differences in Loop 1(a) are emphasized.

Fig. 5 shows the structure of alpha amylase as in Fig. 1 wherein differences in Loop 1(b) are emphasized.